

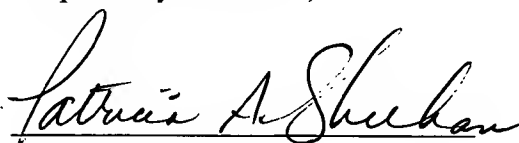
**REMARKS**

We have carefully considered the Office Action dated December 15, 2004 in which allowable subject matter has been found in claims 1-6, 12 and 13, and claims 7-11 and 14-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. We thank Examiner Lamarre for a telephone interview in which the statutory subject matter rejections were discussed. As recommended by the Examiner, we propose amending independent claims 7 and 9 to more particularly point out that the methods are computer generated methods. Accordingly, independent claims 7 and 9, as amended, should now overcome the statutory subject matter rejections, and independent claims 7 and 9 and the claims that depend therefrom should be in form for allowance.

We respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments set forth above and reconsider the rejections of claims 7-11 and 14-20 and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims, as amended.

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